AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A surgical measurement tool for measuring a tissue structure having walls and a lumen therethrough, comprising:

a rigid body comprising an indentation defined therein, said indentation having a curved surface that is curved about an axis offset from the longitudinal centerline of said body; and

at least one recess defined in said body, said recess being sized to measure the wall thickness of the tissue structure in a deflated state wherein inner surfaces of the walls of the tissue structure are touching.

2. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein each said recess comprises two substantially parallel sides connected to a bottom surface.

3. (original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said sides are substantially perpendicular to said bottom surface.

4. (original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said bottom surface is curved.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The tool of claim 1, wherein said body has an end, and wherein said indentation is located at said end of said body.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The tool of claim 1, wherein said curved surface has a substantially constant radius of curvature.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said body includes a plurality of surfaces, and wherein all of said recesses are defined in the same said surface of said body.

11. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said recesses are substantially parallel to one another.

12. (currently amended) A method of measuring a tissue structure having walls and a lumen therethrough, comprising:

providing a body having at least one recess defined therein, wherein each said recess has a width corresponding to a different wall thickness of the tissue structure;

bringing inner surfaces of the walls of the tissue structure together, the tissue structure being in a flaccid state; ~~and~~

moving at least a portion of the tissue structure relative to at least one said recess to measure the wall thickness thereof;

inflating the tissue structure; and

measuring its diameter.

13-14. (canceled)

15. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said moving comprises directing the flaccid tissue structure successively toward a plurality of said recesses until said tissue structure is unable to fit into any of said recesses.

16. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said moving comprises directing the flaccid tissue structure successively toward a plurality of said recesses until said tissue structure is unable to fit substantially snugly into any of said recesses.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~17~~ 12, wherein said inflating is performed by introducing biocompatible fluid into the tissue structure.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein said biocompatible fluid is saline solution.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~17~~ 12. wherein said measuring comprises moving the inflated tissue structure relative to at least one said recess to measure at least one characteristic thereof.

21. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein said moving comprises directing the inflated tissue structure successively toward at least one said recess until said tissue structure fits substantially snugly into one of said recesses.

22. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said body includes at least one measurement indicia adjacent to each said recess, further comprising reading said measurement indicia adjacent to said recess into which said inflated tissue structure fits substantially snugly.

23. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein said moving comprises directing the inflated tissue structure successively toward a plurality of said recesses until said tissue structure is unable to fit into any of said recesses.

24. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein said moving comprises directing the inflated tissue structure successively toward a plurality of said recesses until said tissue structure is unable to fit substantially snugly into any of said recesses.